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**TWO MEN SENTENCED IN ARMED ROBBERY OF PAWN SHOP**

**Greenbelt, Maryland** - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced today that Jonathan Loving, age 19, of Capitol Heights, Maryland was sentenced today by Judge Deborah K. Chasanow to 119 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release for crimes committed in connection with the September 10, 2002 armed robbery of the A-1 Pawn Shop in Laurel, Maryland. A co-defendant, Marcus D. Holland, age 19, of Landover, Maryland was sentenced April 18, 2003 by Judge Chasanow to 117 months in prison followed by 5 years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$44,016 for such crimes.

The two-count indictment charged Loving, Holland and three others with robbery by threat of force and violence against two employees of the A-1 Pawn Shop, as well as use of a firearm during the commission of a violent crime. According to an uncontested statement of facts, Holland and Loving were employees of the A-1 Pawn Shop and provided inside information to the actual robbers, including the location of video surveillance cameras and guns kept at the pawnshop. Three co-defendants carried out the armed robbery using the information provided by Holland and Loving. Eighty-two firearms, mostly handguns, were stolen. Two of the weapons were buried by Loving at his home and subsequently recovered by police.

To date, the majority of the handguns stolen from the robbery have not been found. Any information relating to the whereabouts of the weapons should be directed to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at 1-800-ATF-GUNS.

This case was jointly investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Prince George's County Police Department and the United States Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys James M. Trusty and Sandra Wilkinson.